

received their names in accordance with the established customs of their families.<sup>26</sup>

We also find some Epic and Puranic names which show the popularity of the Epics and the Purānas. The names are :

1. Ghaṭotkaca
2. Ghaṭotkacagupta
3. Pūrugupta
4. Vainyagupta
5. Pārtha
6. Pṛthu
7. Vyāsa
8. Yudhiṣṭhira
9. Bhīma
10. Dhanañjaya
11. Sagara
12. Parāśara

Another considerable group of proper names is derived from the names of Nakṣatras. This shows that the rule in the Gṛhyasūtras recommending the use of Nakṣatra names, was obeyed. These names are as follows :

1. Puṣyamitra
2. Dhruvaśarman
3. Dhruvadevī, Dhruvasvāminī (against the rules in case of women)
4. Budhagupta

Madra and Khāsaka are the two names which may be termed as tribal names, presumably pointing to the tribes to which they belonged.

Names based on colour are (1) Kālaka, (2) Kapila, (3) Piṅgala and (4) Nilarāja.

The names based on animals are Simhaha(da)tta, Simhānandin, Gaṇḍa, Śarabharāja, Vyāghrarāja, Hastivarmman, Chagalaga and Śaṇḍaka.

The names based on abstract qualities are : (1) Bhadradeva Kāmanakuṇḍa, Rūpaśarmman, Suśarmman, Bandhumitra, Amṛtadeva, Śāmāḍhyā, Ribhupāla, Dhṛtimitra, Matidatta, Kṣemadatta, Balavarmman, Dhruvabhūti, Matila, and Vīrasena. We can also classify the names into two categories, Sanskrit and non-Sanskrit or Prakrit names. A few of the second group